A NEW

REMONSTRANCE

FROM THE

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To his Excellency the Lord General

FAIRFAX,

AND

Their Proposals, in the name of themselves, and all the Commons of *England*, for a just and righteous Government, to be established within this Nation, abhorring and detesting against all Anarchy, Confusion, and levelling of mens Estates;

WITH

Their Proclamation to the Kingdome, concerning the putting of violence upon Authority.

ALSO,

A new Representative, and the Heads of the Agreement of the People, the King nor Lords, to have no voice in it; the Parliament to be dissolv'd on the last of *April* next, and a new one to be called once in two year, and to continue but sixe Moneths.

LIKEWISE,

The manner and form of the Government, and no Corporation, above one, except the City of *London*. Together with a Letter from the Earl of *Warwick*, to the House of Peers, concerning Prince *Charles*, and the two Navies.

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A new Remonſtrance and Propoſals from the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment, commanded by Colonell Thomas Pride.

To his Excellency the Lord Generall Fairfax.

WHereas it hath pleaſed the Lord of Hoſts (who was called upon to decide the controverſie of this Nation) to write his name upon your Sword in very legible characters, as appears upon record twice, *viz.* in the year --45, where wee had 114 Victories, and now this laſt Summer above 30, even to our aſtoniſhment, who were uſed by you in that ſervice, that thoſe proud Billows in *Wales*, *England*, & *Scotland*, have bin bounded and calmed, in leſſe then ſix months, yet behold, we have our ſorrows repeated, and our fears increaſed, making our wounds even to bleed afreſh.

Wherefore, we deſire, in the name of our ſelves, and the abuſed and be rayed people of *England*, that your Excellency will be pleaſed to aſſiſt us, in theſe enſuing requeſts and groans of our ſoules, which may not long be denyed us, leſt we faint or ſtruggle as we can for the life of good men, and a good Cauſe.

1. That justice may suddenly and equally be dispensed, according to the desires of our honoured friends in *London*, *Leicestershire*, and others manifested by their severall Petitions, and the Parliaments Declaration concerning the Kings evill asserted, or bewayled, and repented of.

2 That your Army be instantly reckoned withall, & paid and so dealt with for future (if they must be used) that every Reg. may know their own country, & there receive their pay immediatly, without any other Treasurers or wayes of trouble, that so the people themselves may see what they have for their money. In this we are impatient, or so passionately affected, that we gasp for help: this Regiment hath had but one moneths pay since *May*, having marched 1300 miles this Summer.

3 That the people may know in print, with all speed, which way all publike monies are disposed of in all counties and places, and that of all kinds, which may be done, if every collector and receiver of mony be forthwith enjoyned to print their receipts and disbursments; for if the souldiers be not paid, the people ask whats become of the Revenue, Compositions, Sequestrations, Excise, Lands, &c.

4 That we may have just and righteous Government setled in this Nation, advancing Godlinesse, we abhorring Anarchy, Confusion, and levelling mens estates; so often charged upon us: for which end, we desire these two things, in pursuance of which (by help from Heaven) we are resolved to venture all.

First, that the grand and capital enemies, may without delay, be brought to Justice, which is the maine root of our misery, we finding all other wayes attempted altogether invalid to carry on this work of common safety.

Secondly, for the dispatch of Justice upon all Delinquents for

for rectifying all crooked things among us, & for the good of us, and the Generations to come, we humbly conceive our last and surest way will be for your Excellency and this army, to make a speedy offer to the Commons house in your name and the Armies, and in the behalf of all *England*, that such of them as have been faithfull to the Kingdomes interest, to declare with you and the Nation; and that the contrary minded, false, royal, and neutral party may know, that our enemies must not be our rulers, we professing, that good men, rather then good laws must save us, though we disjoyn them not. And if any shal object, we put violence upon authority, we hereby proclaim to the world, that neither your Excellency, nor our selves, have received Cōmissions from the parl as now constituted, but from that good party in it, who strugled through many hazards to model this army for the kingdoms safety; nor are we to attend forms & customs in this extremity; we can as willingly sit down as march, suffer, as act, would but the godly party in the Kingdom cal us thereunto, and think themselves preserved by it.

But the people call to us for these things, and we to your Excellency, your known worth inviting us hereunto: in prosecution of which, as an unparallel'd instrument, we shall live or die with your Excellency, having solemnly promised, to attempt and attend these two last expedients through all hazard. We cannot so undervalue our God, and the rich experienre we have had in the behalf of this Nation, as to see them lie (like *Issachar*) under these sinful burdens, our *colds nakednesse, want, hunger, hardship, difficulties, dangers*, out of which our blessed, and ever to be praised God hath brought us, suggesting these things unto us, for that flock of slaughter in this Kingdome.

Sir, we can die, but not endure to see our Mother England *die before us.*

ON Tuesday Decemb. 12. 1648. a Troope of Horse and a party of Foot of the Army marcht to St. Clemens lane, unto the house of Alderman *Viner*, one of the Sheriffs, unto whole house also came Major Gen. *Brown* in his Coach, where the said party seized on him, and from thence guarded him to the Head-quarters at VVhite-Hall, and being brought before his Excellency, and the Councell of the Army, some questions were asked, and matters of charge propounded, which were to this effect.

That whereas by the confederacy of the said M.G *Brown* (now Sheriff of *London*) with the said impeached members, and others, the Scots were invited and drawn in to invade this Kingdom the last Summer, insomuch as when upon the actuall Invasion the House proceeded to declare them enemies, and those that adhered to them traytors; yet the said confederates and other treacherous members (to the number of ninety and odd, as upon the division of the House appeared) did by their Councels and Votes endeavour to hinder the house from declaring against their confederate invaders.

The Proposals of the Army, concerning his Majesty.

HIs Excellency the Lord Generall *Fairfax*, and the Generall councel of Officers, upon mature and serious deliberation, touching the transaction of affaires, in order to the settlement of the peace of the Kingdom, have declared, That (for the love and honour they bear to justice and righteousnesse, and for the reall love they bear to the silver cords of amity and concord) they will indeavour the composing of all differences, and executing of impartiall justice both upon King, Lords, and Commons, and all others (even from the highest to the lowest) who have acted contrary to

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the known Laws of the Realm, and the truſt repoſed in them by the People. And the Army doe further remonſtrate to the *Kingdom*, 1 That no Magiſtrate have power to make any compulſive Law, or execute any matters of puniſhment, touching matters of Conſcience. 2 That all Statutes, Laws, and Acts of Parl. be mane and run only in the name of the Comm ns of *England* aſſembled in Parliament. 3 That no perſons whatſoever that are Law-makers, be Law executioners, but that a cleer diſtinction be preſerved and kept inviolable betwixt theſe two principles and pillars of the *Common-wealth* for ever. 4 That all Officers of the *Commonwelth* be made to enjoy their places, but for a time prefixed, and at the expiration thereof to give an accompt of their Stewardſhip. 5 That no man be kept in priſon above a month, but in that ſpace to be brought to tryall by a lawfull Jury of his equals, or elſe to be diſcharged of courſe. 6 That no man be impreſſed or forced to ſerve in future wars. 7 That our Laws be few and plain, free from all ambiguous meanings, and all in the Engliſh tongue, and to be printed in a Volume, and one to be provided, to be kept in every church throughout the Kingdom, and to be read over at ſeveral ſeaſons in open Congregations. 8 That all perſons ſtand alike liable to the Lawes of the Land, in all caſes both criminall and civill. 9 That no more trudging up to *Weſtmin.* from all parts of the Land, for the tryall of ſuits of Law bee had, but that (as of old) all ſuits both criminall and civill, be ended in the ſeverall Hundreds. 10 That a ſolemne Contract upon theſe and the like Principles be drawne betwixt the People and their Repreſentatives for ever. 11 That till the accompliſhment of this work, (in behalf of the Army and People) that no Forces be disbanded, except perſons ill affected, and diſſentors from this Expedition. For theſe things

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we do declare, and with our Swords in our hands, as we are Soldiers, we challenge them as the price and purchase of our Bloud, to live and dye for them against all opposers whatsoever.

His Excellency and the Generall Councell of Officers, sit close at Whitehal, and are agitating some particulars of very high concernment to the Kingdom, in order to the setling of the peace thereof; and its said that the Agreement of the peeople will be speedily presented to publike view: In the mean time, take some certain heads thereof, *viz. That neither King nor Lords, are to have any voice in the subscribing of the new Representative, which is to be called the Agreement of the people, containing* 1 *The dissolving of the Parliament on the last of April, commencing it self the first of* June. 2 *That a new Parl. be called once in two year, and to sit for the space of* 6 *Moneths, and no longer.* 3 *That they shall consist of* 400. *in number, some Countries more, some lesse, and no Corporation above one, except* London. 4 *That the said Representative shall have full Legislative power, &c.*

The Lord Admirall hath sent a Letter to the House of Peers, shewing the reason of his return from the Netherlands shore (notwithstanding divers of the revolted ships remain in the River, who prepare for going forth, whose Saylors are now brave and full of money) *viz* that he should have bin frozen up, and wanting victuals, which would not have bin furnisht to him from the Countries, but ships and men must have perished: with other weighty reasons.

Duke *Hamilton* hath sent a message to Lieu. Gen. *Cromwell*, desiring him to give him a visit, for that he hath something of great consequence to impart.

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